

Excerpts from memos relating to CIG Administrative Order 43

(1) To Executive to the Director from Chief, ICAPS, 16 December 1946

1. I have noticed with some alarm the last sentence in 10 (b) of the attached CIG Administrative Order No. 43 which reads: "In the case of set #2 of the War Department cables, however, one copy of all intelligence information cables will be delivered immediately to OSO."

2. It indicates that OSO has won another point in its determination to maintain some research and evaluation functions within its organization contrary to the explicit desires of the Director of Central Intelligence.

3. If this point is to be conceded in, it is my carefully taken position that OSO should receive copies of all intelligence information cables from all sources since nothing can be more disastrous than to permit OSO to arrive at conclusions either as to the evaluation of material from its own sources or to the determination of the activities of its own agents than supplying it with but one-third (or even less) of available material

(signed)
Donald Edgar

(2) Remarks on routing slip to Executive to the Director from Assistant Executive Director, 17 December 1946—initialed "Dabney"

Galloway avows he wants these cables for background material to assist in giving instructions to field—not for evaluation. Perhaps final answer is to have OSO and ORE work out a system for ORE to furnish OSO with required background material on a high priority.

JAD

(3) Remarks on routing slip to Assistant Executive Director and Chief Interdepartmental Staff, from Executive to Director, 18 December, 1946

I don't see how Spec. Opns. can assign missions without having a constant background of events in areas. This has nothing to do with Research and Evaluation. I think Donald has the wrong idea on this.

Wright

(4) To Executive to the Director from Chief, ICAPS, 19 December, 1946

1. I am in complete agreement with the statement that Special Operations cannot assign missions without having a constant background of events in areas.

2. Except through some process of research and evaluation a background cannot be obtained from raw intelligence information. War Department cables are raw intelligence information. Much less can it be obtained from 15% of the raw intelligence information which ORE uses for the development of a complete background. ORE calculates that of the material they use approximately 5% comes from the Navy, 15% from Army, and 80% from State.

3. OSO receives the daily weekly and special reports of ORE which is the evaluation of the whole intake. ORE is also organized to supply special briefing to officers, including those of OSO, when requested. By these means, OSO should obtain the best available direction for its overall activities.

4. As and when ICAPS is able to obtain concurrence for National Intelligence Requirements, these NIR should give further direction to OSO.

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5. Semi-informed operations by OSO can seriously harm the reputation of the Director. If OSO considers that it cannot obtain from ORE and eventually from the NIR the guidance necessary for assigning missions, the problem should be given prompt, serious, and thorough study within CIG and by the IAB so that the situation can be remedied.

6. The matter is too vital to the national security to be treated with such half measures as that proposed.

(signed)

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